MR. N. RAMAMURTI: A propaganda has been carried on by the Government of India for travel-less on railways and the result has not been very encouraging. The State Transport department has been carrying on propaganda to travel less by bus through the honourable members of both the Houses of Legislature and through them to the constituents. That is the only procedure that the department has followed.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Is the department satisfied with the propaganda carried on by the department through this House?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With a view to discourage short distance travel may I know whether the department has fixed the minimum rate of fare to a higher level?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

Sub-Treasury at Chengannur

103. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representation has been received by Government praying for making the Sub-Treasury at Chengannur a remittance treasury as well; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have sanctioned the conversion of the Chengannur Sub Treasury into a receiving treasury also from 1st Kumbhom 1120.

Jenmikaram.

104. ***MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of the arrears in the collection of Jenmikaram during the years 1118 and 1119; and

(*b*) the proceedings taken by the Government in respect of such defaults?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

(*a*) Rs. 1,91,674-13-4 for 1118 and
Rs. 3,25,485- 4-7 for 1119

(*b*) Steps under the Revenue Recovery Act have been taken for recovery of the arrears.

Official Receivers.

105 ***MR. E. K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they adhere to communal rotation in the appointment of Official Receivers in the various District Courts of the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have appointed Ezhavas in any of these courts?

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MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) Efficiency is the criterion for appointment as Official Receivers but to the extent possible communal representation is also taken into account.

(*b*) Yes.

Stray cattle.

106. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great damage done by the stray cattle and sheep to the cultivators in Muvattupuzha taluk; and

(*b*) the number of cattle pounds now existing in Muvattupuzha taluk?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) A petition from some of the inhabitants of the Kothamangalam and Kuttamangalam pakuthies of the Muvattupuzha taluk was received by Government.

(*b*) None at present. Government have, however, sanctioned the opening of a cattle pound at Kavalangad.

Adult Education.

107. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state: what steps have been taken by them to promote adult education in this country?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The education of the adults in this State is carried on at present through the medium of (1) Night Schools (2) Departmental Rural Libraries and (3) Private Reading Rooms and Libraries.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any of these mediums are employed in North Travancore especially in the Kottayam Division?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: We have on the whole 70 night schools, 100 rural libraries and 70 private libraries. I am unable to say at this moment, without notice how they are distributed.

St. Roche's Convent, Sankumukom, Trivandrum.

108. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether application has been received from St. Roche's Convent Middle School for Girls at Sankumukom, Trivandrum, for permission to raise it to a High School;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when was the petition received; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, what are the reasons for the rejection?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 7-2-1945.

(*c*) The application is under consideration.

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